

EMPLOYEES RETIRING ACT

Score Monthly Deduction From Their Salaries for Pensions.

GIRL CLERKS OBJECT

Practical Operation of Civil Service Bill Puzzles Pension Bureau.

Following a recent decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury, 2 1/2 per cent of the salary of each Civil Service employee deemed to come within the purview of the Civil Service retirement act will be deducted in a lump sum from the entire appropriation for civilian salaries for the current fiscal year.

Objections to this are being made by many employees, especially the younger clerks, who do not expect to serve the government until they become eligible for participation in the benefits of the act. To them the operation of the law means solely that 2 1/2 per cent is being withheld from their salary and applied to a purpose which will bring them no immediate benefit. A girl of 18, for instance, feels that she must serve the government fifty-two years before receiving any return from the monthly outlay.

It is acknowledged that the provision for a refund of all accumulated monthly deductions, plus interest at 4 per cent, as provided in the act, upon resignation from the government service or upon transfer to an unclassified status, is equitable and just, but many clerks raise the objection that more remunerative investments offer themselves, many of which guarantee more than 4 per cent.

From conservative estimates of the number of employees to be retired within the next ten years, it is felt that the fund derived from monthly contributions from individual salaries will be greatly in excess of the amount required.

In the Navy Department, which now carries 2,227 employees upon its classified rolls, it is felt that seventy will reach the age of retirement within the next ten years. The remaining 2,157 will pay a monthly contribution of 2 1/2 per cent of their salaries toward the pensions of these seventy.

Practical operation of the act brings up many knotty questions for decision by the Pension Bureau. When a clerk is not a clerk but a mechanic and just what is the definition of a mechanic are queries which are now perplexing those charged with carrying out the provisions of the act.

Whether an employee is classified as clerk or mechanic means a difference of five years in the time he must wait for retirement. Whether he is a mechanic, coming under the pension privilege of the act, or a helper, doing practically the same work, but excluded from the benefits, determines whether 2 1/2 per cent of his monthly salary is deducted to be applied toward his pension.

Each day indicates that the province of the act has greater ramifications than was first thought, and many unexpected questions have come up for decision.

According to Census Bulletin 12 of 1904, 133 definitions are given of positions classified as "mechanic," and one department has submitted to the Pension Bureau thirty-five definitions of the position of "mechanic's helper." In navy yards, and other departments where knowledge of a trade is a prerequisite to appointment as helper, it is felt that helpers should receive the same privilege under the act as classified personnel. In many cases helpers must have almost the same knowledge of the trade as the classified personnel who are to be the navy yards that accidents are prevented only when intelligent helpers are employed.

Mechanics are entitled to retirement with pension upon reaching their sixty-fifth year, but helpers, as unclassified personnel, do not share in the benefits of the act. It is hoped to secure a ruling from the comptroller that will place the helpers to the class of beneficiaries.

Newmyer Made Counsel For Republican League

The Harding and Coolidge Republican League No. 1 of the District of Columbia has elected Alvin Newmyer as its general counsel. Mr. Newmyer is a member of the advisory council and chairman of the speakers' bureau of the National Press Committee for D. C. suffrage.

At present he is working in co-operation with Louis S. Gottlieb and Robert L. Miller in preparing resolutions on local self-government which are to be presented to Congress next December.

Wheat Yield Less Than Last Year

Hagerstown, Md., July 9.—With the wheat harvest in this section about finished, a careful survey of the crop shows that the yield per acre will be slightly below the average of former years. The acreage is less than in the past two years. Farmers report that, though the grains are large and the wheat heads well filled, the straw is thin in many places.

Wholesale Selling Price of Beef in Washington

Prices realized on Swift & Company's sales of carcasses beef on shipboard, sold for periods showing below, as published in the newspapers, averaged as follows, showing the tendency of the market:

Week Ending	Range	Per Cwt.	Per Cwt.
May 15	19.51		
May 22	19.14		
May 29	19.04		
June 5	18.81		
June 12	20.28		
June 19	23.94		
June 26	25.57		
July 3	\$19.00	\$29.00	\$25.13

Swift & Company U. S. A.

Society

By E. C. DRUM-HUNT.

The President-elect of Paraguay, former minister of Paraguay to the United States, Don Manuel Gondra, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given yesterday by Norman H. Davis, Acting Secretary of State, at the Metropolitan Club.

The guests asked to meet Dr. Gondra were the Secretary of War, the Secretary of Commerce, Hugh Gibson, American Minister to Poland; Boaz Long, American Minister to Cuba; Daniel P. Mooney, American Minister to Paraguay, who is in Washington for a brief visit; Admiral William S. Benson, Rear Admiral Robert Condit, W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board; Wilbur J. Carr, director of the consular service and assistant to the Secretary of State; Van S. Merie Smith, Third Assistant Secretary of State; John Barrett, director general of the Pan American Union; Dr. L. S. Rowe, chief of the division of Latin American Affairs of the State Department; B. Sumner Welles and J. H. Murray, of the Latin American division, and Dr. Francisco J. Yanes, assistant director of the Pan American Union.

Dr. Gondra will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, next Wednesday evening by the Pan American Society. He will sail for his home in Paraguay, by his family, and his inauguration will take place on August 15.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, has as guests the Secretary's mother, Mrs. Mary Daniels, of Cleveland, Goldsborough, N. C., and his aunt, Mrs. Barnes, also of North Carolina.

Mrs. Charles Green Grimes and her baby daughter, who have been with Mrs. Grimes' mother, Mrs. Albert Sidney Burleson, at Cape May, N. J., came to Washington yesterday for a brief stay with her sister, Miss Sidney Burleson, before returning to her home in Dayton, Ohio. Miss Burleson and Mrs. Richard Van Wyck Negley, who was Miss Laura Burleson, and Mrs. Negley's three young sons will join Mrs. Burleson at Cape May.

Mrs. Negley and the boys came from their home in Austin, Tex., some weeks ago to spend the summer with her family.

The United States Minister to Cuba, Boaz Long, who has been in New London, Conn., has come to Washington for a short stay and is stopping at the Shoreham.

LOCKE-GIBSON WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY.

Mrs. McMillan Gibson, who left Washington for New York, where she will be married on Monday afternoon to Maj. Morris Ernest Locke, U. S. A., was joined there by her children, James McMillan Gibson and Cary Preston Gibson, who were accompanied by their governess, Mrs. Locke will leave for New York today, accompanied by Gen. William Mason Wright, who will be his best man.

Maj. Wilfrid Hunt has joined his mother, Mrs. Marion Hunt, at the Toronto since his return from foreign service.

Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell and her son are established in her summer home at Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y. Mrs. Pell and her son spent the late spring and early summer in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Golden announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Bland, to Dr. Custer Lee Hall. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Mrs. Horatio Armstrong has returned to her home in Hartford, Conn., after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Edson, in New York City. Mrs. Edson has returned to her home in Hartford for a month's visit and will join her mother in Atlantic City later.

Mitchell B. Carroll, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell Carroll, who was graduated in June from Johns Hopkins University, his father's alma mater, has gone abroad to continue his studies for a year or more. He will attend the University of Grenoble this summer and expects to go to Paris for the winter where he will take courses in political science and international law at the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques.

Dr. and Mrs. Carroll have just returned from a visit to Mt. Edgecomb, in the Blue Ridge.

ENGAGED COUPLE ATTEND PARTY IN COUNTRY HOME

Miss Abigail Harvey and her fiancé, Capt. Eugene Villard, will be guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Platter at Tulip Hill, their country place in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Platter have a son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Plummer, are moving down from their home in New York to be present at the little house party.

Miss Davette Picklen will be maid of honor at the marriage of Miss Harvey and Capt. Villard, which will take place on Saturday afternoon, July 17, at 5:30 o'clock in St. Margaret's Church, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Pamela Henry, Miss Elizabeth Claxton, Miss Margaret Crosson and Miss Ruth Fordyce Stiles, a cousin of the bride.

Capt. Gustave Villard, brother of the bridegroom, will act as best man and the ushers will include Commander Robert Bennett, Capt. Cooper Foote, Capt. E. S. Freeland and H. A. Woodruff.

For some time prior to the entrance of the United States into the war, Capt. Nicholson, then a counsellor for the Greek legation, conducted a similar school in the Union Trust Building.

The curriculum is open to all foreigners, especially Greeks. Tuition is gratis. There are no fees and the instruction will consist of courses in American institutions, principles of government and loyalty to the flag.

Near-East Worker on Way Home

Westbury, Md., July 9.—Miss Anna T. Dando, an American near-east relief worker, whose return home was recently interrupted by the Turkish government, writes that she is on route home, as the result of a protest made by the United States government.

Birthday Greeting

Representative from Kentucky, who has served in Congress since the Sixty-first edition is receiving congratulations upon his fiftieth birthday. Mr. Cantrill served both in the upper and lower legislative bodies in his State before he came to Congress. In 1906 he was elected president of the American Society of Equity for Kentucky, an organization for the co-operation of farmers in securing more profitable prices for their products.

Armistead Peter, Jr., returned to Washington last evening from "Camden," the family summer home in Cambridge, N. Y., where Mrs. Peter and her son, Armistead Peter 3d, are established for the season. After a brief visit Mr. Peter will join them there.

Miss Anne Dulaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosier Dulaney, came to Washington from Upperville, Va., yesterday to stay with Mrs. Frances Hampson over the week-end.

CAPT. CRAMER ENTERTAINS PARTY AT CHEVY CHASE CLUB.

Capt. Stuart Cramer, U. S. A., entertained at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club last evening. Capt. Cramer will leave Washington shortly on a six week's vacation.

Mrs. V. McNally, widow of Col. McNally, U. S. A., and her sister, Miss Elliott, have left the city for the seashore and mountains. Mrs. McNally and Miss Elliott expect to return in November.

Herald Salesmanship Candidates Sprinting Toward a Whirlwind Finish with Honor Roll of Seven

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district two. Mrs. F. L. White and John R. Jenkins are runners up in district three. Robert H. Alcorn and Miss C. M. Hirlinger are first and second respectively in district four.

Miss Jessie L. Ryan and Stephen Frank are going strong for leadership in district five. Charles H. Weeks, who is sixth high in the campaign today, has passed Claude R. Norton for first place in this district. Lucky seventh shows Harry W. Williams, Alexandria, and William E. Donohoe, Leesburg, speeding for the grand goal and crowding George M. Lambly for leadership in this district.

District Eight Leaders.

Two of the seven high candidates in the campaign today, and registered in district eight, are Miss Alice Manuel, of Nokesville, and Lawrence Herrell, of Winchester. The next two high in this district are R. Davis, of Manassas, and Stephen E. Lane, of Brightwood. From the closeness of the credit standings shown by the honor roll it looks like there will be a very close race before the whirlwind finish, as has been shown during the past several days. Many candidates who appeared to have lost heart for the race being have suddenly come to life again and are out to give the leaders a battle for first honors.

Salesmanship Club Members

Standings According to the Credits Counted Friday for Publication.

DISTRICT ONE.

All that section of Northwest Washington east of Sixteenth street and south of and including N street.

MEMBERS CREDITS

William A. Barger	361.00
Mrs. Mabel C. Berger	496.00
Robt. E. Doyle	21.00
Mrs. F. C. Clark	508.00
John B. Mitchell	332.00
Andrew Panagapoulos	177.00
Ralph Pines	28.00
John M. Reed	21.00
Joseph L. Schmid	179.00
Vincent Stellabott	164.00
Edw. D. Talbert	503.00

DISTRICT TWO.

All that section of Northwest Washington and District of Columbia west of and including Sixteenth street.

MEMBERS CREDITS

Fred Allison	485.00
Morris W. Askin	499.00
T. Bell, Mgr.	25.00
Nels Bolduan	21.00
Joseph Connolly	49.00
Hugh M. Devine	164.00
Joseph Hoffman	435.00
Aristides Lamprinos	496.00
Frank D. Law	69.00
Walter Lesman	25.00
Mrs. R. S. Ledman	509.00
Joseph L. Maggio	490.00
C. C. Mayer	503.00
Stanley Nash	38.00
Mrs. A. E. Nelson	45.00
Walter F. Palmer	397.00
Mrs. Walter L. Paul	49.00
Miss Ruth Price	492.00
Joseph A. Shafer	433.00
Miss Lucille T. Stancill	493.00
L. J. Swain	498.00
Benj. F. Torreyson	439.00
Mrs. Grace True	499.00
Mrs. Eugene M. Wilson	494.00
Villas C. Vetter	501.00

DISTRICT THREE.

That section of Northwest Washington north of N street and east of Sixteenth street.

MEMBERS CREDITS

A. H. Bacas	492.00
Mrs. C. L. Bancroft	21.00
Mrs. C. M. Baruch	185.00
Charles H. Borman	416.00
Granville Christman	306.00
C. R. Colvin	433.00
Robert E. Garner	499.00
Thos. N. Gormly	492.00
Mrs. Katherine L. Hargett	25.00
Wm. R. J. Hayden	497.00
John R. Jenkins	502.00
Miss Rose K. Koff	498.00
Mrs. F. E. Mole	172.00
Henry Montague	509.00
D. E. Morgan	511.00
Miss Grace Pellen	495.00
A. F. Reaney	493.00
Raymond T. Reed	495.00
Mrs. Clara W. Ryan	497.00
Mrs. Ray Sanders	467.00
Morris Stein	170.00
Mrs. Lenah J. Talbot	515.00
Miss Elizabeth Tenly	298.00
Mrs. F. L. White	504.00

DISTRICT FOUR.

All of Northeast Washington, including Benning, Brooklawn, Trinidad, Ivy City, Kensington, Langdon and Woodridge.

MEMBERS CREDITS

Robert H. Alcorn	504.00
Wade Callahan	455.00
E. L. Carleton	55.00
Mrs. Jessie Gray	492.00
J. Francis Hilliard	421.00
Miss C. M. Hirlinger	504.00
A. F. Jones	494.00
Maxwell MacKenzie	53.00

Helping the Other Fellow

By O. Henry.

Wainwright and me permeated through the town, and he hails at a rum-dispensary.

"Have you any money?" he asks.

"I've a fishing out my silver dollar. I always go about with adequate sums of money."

"Then we'll drink," says Wainwright.

"Not me," says I. "Not any demon rum or any of its kind. I'm on a mission for mine. It's one of my non-weaknesses."

"It's your falling," says he. "What's your particular soft point?"

"Industry," says I. "I'm hard-working, diligent, industrious, and energetic."

"My dear Mr. Trotter," says he, "surely I've known you long enough to tell you you are a liar. Every man must have his own particular weakness, and his own particular strength in other things. Now, you will buy me a drink of rum, and we will call on President Gomez."

"Well, sir," Trotter went on, "we walk the four miles out, through a virgin conservatory of palms and ferns and other roof-garden products, to the President's summer white house. It was blue, and reminded you of what you see on the stage in the West, which they describe as 'same as the first' on the programs."

"There was more than fifty people waiting outside the iron fence that surrounded the house, and the Royal Flivver and I, and in a kind of a summer-house in front of the mansion we could see a burnt-sienna man eating breakfast out of gold dishes and taking his time, and I judged that the crowd outside had come out for their morning orders and requests, and was afraid to intrude."

"But C. Wainwright wasn't. The gate was open, and he walked inside and up to the president's table as confident as a man who knows the head waiter in a 15-cent restaurant. And I went with him, because I had only 10 cents, and there was nothing else to do."

"The Gomez man rises from his chair, and looks colored man as he was, like he was about to call out for corporal of the guard, post No. 1. But Wainwright says some phrases to him in a peculiarly lubricating manner; and the first thing you know we was all there of us seated at the table, with coffee and rolls and ice-cream, and the Gomez man was as fast as about ninety peens could rustle 'em."

"And then Wainwright begins to talk; but the president interrupts him."

"You Yankee," says he politely, "assuredly take the cake for assurance, I assure you—or words to that effect. He spoke English with a few words of Spanish here and there, and he was a lot better than I am, but I suggest some refreshments," says he.

"Rums," says Wainwright.

"Gimme a cigar," says I.

"Well, sir, the two talked an hour, keeping the generals and equities all in their good uniforms, and waiting outside the fence. And Wainwright said to me, 'He's a long walk,' says he, 'but I'm nicer in the cool morning to walk than to ride. May I suggest some refreshments?'"

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Man Walks 175,000 Miles in 19 Years

By O. Henry.

Who since 1901 has walked more than 175,000 miles on his arrival in Boston on a new globe-trotting tour.

He was formerly a farmer in Croatia and started to globe-trotting nineteen years ago. He has collected 5,000 autographs of prominent men and women in every section of the world.

"About that time President Gomez found out that the advice of C. Wainwright was the stuff he had been looking for. The country was pulling out of debt, and the treasury had enough boodle in it for him to amuse himself occasionally with the night-latch. The people were beginning to take their two-hour siesta again every day—which was the surest sign of prosperity."

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